

ORDINANCE NO. 503

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
AMENDING SECTION 10-2.802 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
WITH REGARD TO LANDSCAPING POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills ("Town") wishes to preserve the rural qualities of the Town, to insure that structures, as viewed from off-site, blend harmoniously with the natural landscape and are unobtrusive; to maintain soil stability, to abate noises; to protect wildlife habitats; to retain aesthetic quality; and to protect properties against fire and other natural forces.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills ("Town") has determined that eucalyptus trees are invasive, nonnative tree species which are not suitable within the vicinity of structures and roadways because they are potential safety and fire hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills does **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. **AMENDMENT OF CODE.** Section 10-2.802 of Article 8 (Landscaping) of Chapter 2 (Site Development) of Title 10 (Zoning and Site Development) of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-2.802. Landscaping policies

(f) *Tree preservation.* Every feasible attempt should be made to preserve existing trees except those trees identified in the Los Altos Hills Landscape Guidelines invasive plant list.

(g) *Eucalyptus Trees.* All existing Blue Gum (*E. globulus*), Pink Ironbark (*E. sideroxylon rosea*), River Red Gum (*E. camaldulensis*), Swamp Gum (*E. rudis*), Honey Gum (*E. melliodora*), and Manna Gum (*E. viminalis*) eucalyptus trees shall be removed at the time of the construction of a principal residence or at the time of the construction of any structure, combination of structures, addition or alteration to structures which individually or cumulatively equal or exceed twelve hundred (1,200) square feet of floor area. Exceptions shall be made for eucalyptus trees greater than 150' from any roadways or structures.

2. **EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption. Within fifteen days after the passage of this ordinance the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance or a summary thereof to be published once, with the names of those City Councilmembers voting for or against it in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Los Altos Hills, as required by law.

INTRODUCED: July 13, 2006

PASSED: July 27, 2006

AYES: Mayor Warshawsky, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Kerr,
Councilmember Mordo and Councilmember O'Malley

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BY: Leon Warshawsky
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Fort
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steve Melt
City Attorney